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On 14 October 1953 [redacted] the police were hunting for a band of Russian or Czech partisans between Belzig-Koenigswusterhausen and Berlin. The partisans were supposed to have shot ten Vopos. The railroad line from Berlin to Belzig was heavily patrolled by Vopos, with sentries every 200 to 300 meters.

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2. In the villages around Friedersdorf a police loudspeaker car playing music circulated on 17 October. Whenever a crowd gathered, it announced that there were four bandits in the area, one of them speaking broken German. The population was called upon to catch the bandits. [redacted]

said that in the last few days a **workers'** train had been shot at between Glienicke and Hubertushöhe at about 8:00 pm, evidently by partisans. A train was also shot at near Gross Koeris. Two Vopos were killed near Luckow and one near Cottbus. [redacted] A Russian soldier was killed. Along the Berliner-Ring highway there are Kamernierte Vopos every 50 meters in fresh foxholes. Along the 25X1 Friedersdorf-Berlin railroad there are Vopos every 100 yards.

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5. On 20 October many Vopos were observed along the Erkner highway; two or three were stationed on each bridge, with others patrolling with dogs. For a week they have been looking for Czech partisans who killed three Vopos and wounded two.

4. On 23 October the East German radio reported shooting between Vopos and armed bandits in Goerlitz and Lukau¹. Four Vopos were killed. Two bandits were captured. The local residents say that the Vopos carried on fighting in these localities with Czech and Polish partisans, losing more men than they admit.

5 On 15 October strong Vopo patrols were seen in Potsdam in connection with the hunt for Czech partisans.

_____ say that the Vovos and the criminal police were combing the woods on about 10 October and that _____ were four Czechs there. Four police were killed in the ensuing shooting. One of the partisans was badly wounded, and his friends, unable to take him along, concealed him under some branches, where he was found by the police. Residents of Lubben say these were partisans and did not

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1 [REDACTED] Comment: Probably a mistake for Luckau (A 17) in Lower Lusatia. 25X1